

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEW KENT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WAS HELD ON THE 11th DAY OF APRIL IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN IN THE BOARDROOM OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN NEW KENT, VIRGINIA, AT 6:00 P.M.

IN RE: CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ron Stiers called the meeting to order.

IN RE: INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND WELCOME

Mr. Tiller gave the invocation and Derric Bayne and Miles Browning with Boy Scout Troop 518 and Collin Smolnik with Cub Scout Pack 562 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: ROLL CALL

Thomas W. Evelyn	Present
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Present
Patricia A. Paige	Present
Ron Stiers	Present
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Present

All members were present.

IN RE: CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. March 14, 2016 Business Meeting minutes
 - b. March 18, 2016 Budget Retreat/Joint Session minutes
2. Miscellaneous
 - a. Approval of Abstracts of Votes from March 1, 2016 Presidential Primary Election
3. Refunds
 - a. Refund due to C.C. Jenkins, Jr. – erroneous assessment due to overpayment, \$2,553.60.
 - b. Refund due to Russell F. and Patricia M. Jeffries – erroneous assessment due to overpayment, \$3,319.68.
4. FY16 Supplemental Appropriations
 - a. Program income received for FY16 from CDBG Plum Point Grant Participants (March 2016 \$861.00) (Correction to December 2015/January 2016 -\$60.67) \$800.33.
 - b. Donations for the Animal Shelter, \$460.52.
 - c. Extension Program Sponsorship Revenue for Hypertufa Pot Making Workshop, \$200.00.
 - d. VML Insurance – Fire Engine 501 (Veh #919) Date of Loss 2/2/16, \$200.00.
 - e. Gifts & Donations to New Kent Fire Rescue – Richard and Cynthia Arnette (\$50.00) and Go Bucket List Travel (\$60.00) and Parks and Recreation – H.E. Fenner (\$100.00), \$210.00.
 - f. Security Detail: New Kent High School – Winter Sports Security (\$1,550.16) and Patricia B. Grubbs (\$115.79), \$1,665.95.

- g. Additional State/Federal approved services to a current client (\$17,240.00) and to fund adoption assistance for an additional child this fiscal year – Additional State/Federal funding (\$12,116.00), \$29,356.00.
- h. Reverse duplicate Carryforward of the FY15 Ending Balance of Extension Funds relative to classes and programs, \$11,312.29.
- i. Correct November 2015 appropriation of Extension Funds Relative to classes and programs, \$165.00.

\$46,452.09 Total
\$(17,096.09) Total In/Out – General Fund (1)
\$(29,356.00) Total In/Out – Social Services (2)

- 5. FY16 Interdepartmental Budget Transfers
 - a. Sheriff's Office – Selective Enforcement-Alcohol-Travel/Conv to Selective Enforcement-Alcohol-P/T Salary, \$165.00.
 - b. Finance – Other Insurance to Crime Insurance, 463.00.
- 6. Treasurer's Report: Cash as of February 2016, \$44,045,045.59

Mr. Tiller moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, and that it be made a part of the record. The members were polled:

Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
Patricia A. Paige	Aye
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Aye
Ron Stiers	Aye

The motion carried.

IN RE: SMALL BUSINESS CLOSE UP – BAY RIVERS VETERINARY SERVICE

Community Development Director Matthew Smolnik introduced Dr. Kelly Broz with Bay Rivers Veterinary Services. He thanked Mr. Stiers for making arrangements for this presentation and noted this was an opportunity to highlight another business in the County.

Dr. Broz introduced herself and noted she was the owner and founder of Bay Rivers Veterinary Services, a mobile veterinary service providing complete veterinary care within the home. Bay Rivers was also working through Anderson's Corner Veterinary Hospital to provide services such as x-rays, surgeries or hospitalizations that could not be performed in the home. Dr. Broz noted some of the benefits of at home veterinary care included that it was much less stressful for the animals, there was no exposure to other illnesses and no waiting room time for pets and owners. She suggested animal wellness and health were important to people but it was sometimes difficult for working families or large families to get their animals to the office for services. The business was primarily serving New Kent County but also was making house calls to the Williamsburg and Mechanicsville areas.

Mr. Davis noted his interest in the business and asked Dr. Broz for contact information and if veterinary services were available on the weekends. Dr. Broz indicated the business did have limited weekend hours and noted she also had a technician (Caroline Lamb) who assisted her on calls. Mr. Davis indicated he knew of a number of individuals who had required emergency veterinary services on weekends and pointed out emergency services provided in the Richmond area were very expensive. He asked Dr. Broz how her prices

compared. Dr. Broz pointed out that because the business was mobile, there were none of the overhead expenses associated with a building and staff so she was able to keep costs down. She reported clients were generally impressed with her prices which were usually within a few dollars of those charged by a traditional clinic. Mr. Davis asked for specifics regarding the types of animals Bay Rivers Veterinary Services could treat. Dr. Broz indicated she preferred dogs and cats and provided limited services to goats and horses.

Mr. Stiers thanked Dr. Broz for her presentation.

IN RE: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – JAMES H. BURRELL

Ms. Paige read Resolution R-05-16, previously adopted by the Board on February 8, 2016, and presented a framed original to James H. Burrell. This Resolution recognized Mr. Burrell's twenty-four years of service as a member of the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Burrell was also presented a framed picture of the Supervisors, Clerk, Deputy Clerk and County Attorney which had been taken at the December 14, 2015 regular meeting where Mr. Burrell had presided as chairman.

Mr. Burrell received a standing ovation. He suggested he was generally a man of many words but he had very few at the moment. He noted it had been his honor to serve with six boards over the years and suggested the last board he had served with had been the most cordial and professional. He indicated they knew how to agree to disagree and didn't hold grudges over those disagreements. He suggested the citizens of New Kent were fortunate to have a board that worked together so well. He thanked the Supervisors for honoring him with this recognition and wished them well. He closed his comments by suggesting his schedule had changed significantly since his retirement. He noted he now had six Saturdays and one Sunday, no more Mondays through Fridays.

IN RE: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – 4-H "DAY AT THE CAPITOL"

Mr. Stiers reported he had received a letter from Delegate Chris Peace regarding the attendance of thirteen New Kent Middle School students at 4-H Day at the Capitol on February 23, 2016. Mr. Stiers read the letter in which Delegate Peace commended the students for their respectfulness and good behavior and noted his pleasure in having heard the stories they shared about the impact 4-H was having on their lives. Delegate Peace indicated he "would like to recognize these youth for using their head, heart, hands, and health to positively impact their club, community, country, and our world." He also recognized adults who had attended the event including New Kent Middle School teachers, Tamika Hathaway and Lindsay Horne as well as Virginia Cooperative Extension Program Assistant, Patricia Townsend and Associate Extension Agent 4-H Development, Carl Frick. Mr. Stiers invited Mr. Frick to come forward for the student recognition.

Mr. Frick indicated he would like to "piggyback" on the words from Delegate Peace and commend the thirteen students who had attended 4-H Day at the Capitol. He noted the students had set a high standard of behavior that others could follow and had stepped "outside of their comfort zones to let their inner 4-H shine." He suggested the students were "positive reflections of who New Kent is and who New Kent will be in the future." He also commended Mrs. Hathaway, Mrs. Horne and Mrs. Townsend for their efforts in coordinating the trip as well as the hours they each had spent in support of 4-H programs.

Mr. Stiers indicated the Board had certificates of recognition to present to the students who had represented New Kent County at this event and asked Board members to join him in the presentation. Mr. Frick noted thirteen students had attended but due to other

commitments, only one was able to be present. He called Miss Emma Guthrie to step forward and receive her certificate of recognition. Other students attending 4-H Day at the Capitol included JonGlenn Harding, Aiden Martin, Christiana Barder, Paige Hillis, Taylor Henley, Samantha Bradner, Gary Marx, Gracie Ellis, Logan Frederick, Kylie Mauney, Kyle Vaughan and Natalie Filipowicz.

IN RE: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS’ RIGHTS WEEK –
APRIL 10-16, 2016

Ms. Paige read a proclamation recognizing April 10-16, 2016 as National Crime Victims’ Rights Week. This proclamation had been approved by the Board as a part of its Consent Agenda on March 14, 2016. Ms. Paige presented a copy of the proclamation to Victim Witness Director Karen Mortensen, Victim Witness staff member Shawna Gray and Commonwealth’s Attorney Linwood Gregory.

Mr. Gregory thanked the Board for entering a proclamation recognizing this important week. He suggested that Sheriff McLaughlin should also be a part of the presentation because the first responders and Sheriff’s Department staff were the first people the victims saw in most cases. He noted Ms. Mortensen had assisted with the training of officers to help them better understand the trauma victims suffer and suggested that in some cases, the trauma suffered by the victims would continue on for years after the actual event. Mr. Gregory reported a wide variety of services were being provided to victims and service numbers had increased. He also reported that federal grant funding for the Victim Witness Program would be increasing substantially for the next two years.

Ms. Mortensen thanked the Board for the proclamation and reported the theme for this year’s National Crime Victims’ Rights Week was "*Serving Victims, Building Trust, Restoring Hope*". This theme was a reminder of the significant progress that had been made in recognizing victims’ rights but also emphasized the need to expand the reach of services. She reported that early intervention was critical and could improve victim recovery and prevent future victimization. She suggested the anticipated increase in federal funding would allow the New Kent Victim Witness Program to serve many more individuals in the years ahead. She challenged all who were present to help with identifying those victims who may have been missed by the program and to help increase the understanding of ways to better serve them. She suggested that together we could continue to elevate the voices of victims, strengthen victim’s rights and services and work to restore hope for all.

IN RE: VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – RESIDENCY
ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Ashland Resident Engineer Bruce McNabb reported that Maintenance Operations Manager David Christoph was on a much deserved vacation and he and Maintenance Superintendent Jay Fread would be presenting this month’s update. He noted Supervisors had been provided with a written report on maintenance items completed over the past thirty days as well as items scheduled for the next thirty days. He indicated a primary focus had been and would continue to be on asphalt patching and potholes. He reported that fifty-three work orders had been received in March and thirty-five had been completed. He suggested demand exceeding the ability to respond was a typical occurrence for this time of year. He also reported the Route 249/Route 612 roundabout project was behind schedule and VDOT was encouraging the contractor to accelerate the work. The contractor had been directed to supply a schedule describing what they planned to do to get the project back on schedule. Mr. McNabb indicate this schedule had not been received yet but he would be providing the

County with a copy once it became available. He also provided updates on the following concerns reported by Supervisors at previous meetings:

- In response to Ms. Paige's concerns regarding stop signs near G.W. Watkins Elementary School, Mr. McNabb reported these concerns had been addressed by the traffic engineering group and they believed the situation had been resolved. He suggested if the modifications did not work, they would seek other solutions.
- In response to Mr. Tiller's request for a speed limit study for Route 60 in Bottoms Bridge, Mr. McNabb indicated a request had been made to the traffic group and these usually took two to three months to complete. He indicated once completed, the Board would be provided with a report.
- In response to Mr. Evelyn's questions regarding ditch clearing work on west bound Route 60 near Mountcastle Road, Mr. McNabb reported VDOT maintenance crews were working on this with the property owner.
- In response to Mr. Davis' concerns regarding water ponding on Route 60, Mr. McNabb reported VDOT was putting in "weep holes" on the shoulders in an effort to clear water from the road more quickly.

Board members provided the following comments and reported the following road concerns:

Ms. Paige thanked VDOT and Mr. Christoph for the work that had been done at G.W. Watkins Elementary School. She indicated she had not received any additional phone calls in this regard and did not believe there had been any further calls to the Sheriff's office.

Mr. Tiller indicated he had called VDOT regarding a pothole in the Five Lakes neighborhood and Mr. Christoph had returned the call the following day indicating the pothole had been repaired. Mr. Tiller expressed his appreciation for the quick response. He also reported an area near 3700 Henpeck Road where water had been ponding on the north side of the roadway. He indicated he was not sure if the ponding was caused by a pipe under the road that was not draining or if it was just poor drainage on that side of the road.

Mr. Evelyn thanked VDOT for the recent paving work that had been done in several areas on Talleyville Road. He indicated he had received a number of phone calls from constituents also expressing their appreciation. He also reported he had received pictures and a note from the land owner on Old River Road where there had been ongoing concerns regarding drainage. He asked Mr. McNabb if he knew if the pipe under the road had been cleared. Mr. McNabb indicated he did not know and deferred to Mr. Fread. Mr. Fread indicated water was passing through the pipe but a good amount of sand remained inside. He indicated this was on the list of areas to receive additional attention and a crew would be working on the pipe again soon. Mr. Evelyn suggested perhaps some riprap would help keep the sand from building up in the pipe. Mr. Fread indicated a number of things had been done to address the drainage problems in this area and VDOT would continue to look for solutions.

Mr. Davis noted VDOT had done a good job of making headway on potholes but many more remained to be patched. He also pointed out a pipe had washed out on North Waterside Drive between Route 60 and Good Hope Road several years ago and he indicated Mr. Christoph had said the pipe would be replaced but this work had not been done. He noted a dip remained in the road where the temporary fix was still in place. Mr. Davis also noted VDOT was scheduled to clear several pipes in The Colonies and asked Mr. Fread if he knew when the work would be done. Mr. Fread indicated he believed the pipes in question were outside of the VDOT right-of-way. Mr. Davis indicated the pipes he was referring to were within the right-of-way and were labeled "VDH" (Virginia Department of Highways). Mr. Fread noted he would look into this. Mr. Davis also asked if a schedule was available for inmate litter pick up. Mr. Fread indicated a schedule was available and reported it had been

cut back from four days to three days a week due to a shortage of guards. This shortage was no longer an issue and he expected they would soon return to the four-day schedule. Mr. Davis asked that Farmers Drive and Barham Road be added to the list for litter pickup.

Mr. Stiers also reported the need for litter pickup along Route 60 and specifically noted the west bound lane through the Providence Forge area. He also asked when the specialty mowing would begin. Mr. Fread indicated he did not have a start date but expected to have a schedule soon. Mr. Stiers reported that previous Maintenance Superintendent Chad Baker had reported that Ashland Farm Road would be repaved this past fall. He asked if there was any date for when this work was expected to be completed. Mr. McNabb indicated he did not have that information with him but he would check.

IN RE: CITIZENS COMMENT PERIOD

Chairman Stiers opened the Citizens Comment Period.

Wayne Samuels of 4315 Henpeck Road, Quinton, Virginia addressed the Board regarding the need for improvements on Henpeck Road. He indicated a section of Henpeck Road between Liberty Hall and Old Roxbury (four tenths of a mile) had been on both the County list and VDOT list of roads needing improvements for many years. Mr. Samuels suggested this short section of road contained ten blind curves (five in each direction) and a good portion of the ditches were two feet deep with no shoulders between the pavement and the ditch. He indicated there had been many accidents, one of which had resulted in a fatality, along this section of road and there were three bus stops between the blind curves. He asked the County to consider making improvements before more or worse problems occurred. He suggested the road had not been engineered to handle its current volume of traffic and indicated he did not understand why no improvements had been made over the years. He encouraged Supervisors to take a ride on this portion of Henpeck Road and see the hazardous conditions for themselves. He suggested Supervisors would agree with him that something needed to be done.

Tom Miller of 14400 Winding Grove Lane, Lanexa, Virginia addressed the Board regarding the land application of industrial sludge. Mr. Miller noted the Board had voted two years ago to oppose VPA (Virginia Pollution Abatement) Permit #00584. He indicated this was the first DEQ permit authorizing land application of industrial residuals or sludge. Mr. Miller noted New Kent, along with several other counties and Delegate Chris Peace had written letters and spoken unanimously against the issuing of this permit but nevertheless, DEQ had issued the permit. Subsequent to the permit being issued, Delegate Peace had submitted legislation regarding the establishment of regulations dealing with industrial residuals. Mr. Miller indicated New Kent County had recently received notice that approximately 700 acres in the northern part of the County along the Pamunkey River would begin receiving application of industrial residuals. He indicated he had visited the site and had seen trucks from Synagro delivering the industrial residuals but had not been close enough to witness the actual application. He reminded the Board this was the only site in the County where the land owner had asked to receive industrial residuals. He suggested the DEQ and the EPA had no guidelines regarding industrial sludge and were using standards established for the use of biosolids. He went on to suggest that the contents of industrial sludge were unknown and the biosolid standards being used were twenty-five years old. He closed by distributing copies of an article written by Lidia Epp entitled "Sludge Train" in which Ms. Epp wrote about the reissuing of a sludge application permit in Louisa County and "deficiencies of knowledge" in regard to its benefit for agricultural use. He indicated Ms. Epp was a New Kent resident and a writer for Mother Earth News.

Mr. Davis indicated he had not seen the sludge application in New Kent but had seen industrial sludge from the WestRock landfill in King William County being used in King and Queen and King William for several years. He indicated the material was dark and the odor was not as bad as biosolids but there was no way to know the actual content. He pointed out the County could not force the DEQ to stop issuing permits and he wasn't sure what they could do, but he did believe there needed to be better monitoring. He suggested the DEQ was not providing much oversight and noted he had never seen anyone checking the product or its application. He also suggested proper application was just as important as knowing the content of the product and indicated he had used sludge many years ago but had stopped because of concerns regarding the product and its uneven application. He indicated New Kent County could not stop what the DEQ was doing but he was hopeful there would not be any other property owners in New Kent who would apply for these permits. He suggested that if any did apply, the neighbors would stop them. He also suggested the best thing the Board could do would be to find out what was happening and again indicated the Supervisor's hands were tied when it came to stopping it.

Mr. Stiers noted agreement with Mr. Miller and indicated he was correct when he had stated the Supervisors and several other counties had adamantly opposed this. He pointed out the County's drinking water was coming from the ground and, although there may be no problems now, you couldn't know what the situation would be years later. He indicated he wasn't sure what the County could do but suggested they should keep a close eye on it.

Mr. Stiers thanked Mr. Samuels and Mr. Miller for their comments.

IN RE: RAPPAHANNOCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE UPDATE (RCC)

RCC Vice President for Instruction and Student Development Dr. Donna Alexander introduced Vice President of Finance and Administration Bill Doyle and indicated Mr. Doyle would be providing RCC President Dr. Elizabeth Crowther's update in her absence. She also noted a student was present to speak to the Board and Mr. Doyle would introduce him later in the presentation. Mr. Doyle indicated he was new to RCC and had spent thirty-eight years in the banking industry. He suggested that banking and education were similar in that they both were in the dreams and aspirations business. He also noted that RCC enjoyed a very special relationship with New Kent County and pointed out that New Kent was the home of one of RCC's four remote sites. He indicated RCC had partnered with New Kent in the Early Scholars Academy and would also be hosting a STEM Academy later in the year. He again noted the special relationship between RCC and New Kent County and indicated RCC looked forward to continuing to grow together. He reported that typically when unemployment rates were low, college enrollment would also show a downward trend. He indicated this was not the case at RCC where enrollment continued to grow. He suggested this continued growth was due to RCC's ongoing engagement in the community and their connection with the twelve school districts they served. He reported the College currently had approximately 4,600 students generating 1,800 FTE (Full Time Equivalents) and all enrollment figures were up for the year. Mr. Doyle provided an overview of RCC/New Kent statistics and noted the following:

- The number of New Kent residents enrolled in RCC credit courses in 2015-16 was 216 compared to 135 the previous year.
- The number of high school dual enrollment students in 2015-16 was 117 compared to 66 the previous year.
- 12.4% of all County residents enrolled in higher education were enrolled at RCC.
- 66 County residents were enrolled in workforce development.
- The annual financial and economic impact of RCC on the County was \$483,074.
- Guaranteed admissions programs were in place with over thirty four-year schools.

Mr. Doyle expressed RCC's appreciation to New Kent County for its continuing financial support and for the service of Mrs. Ellen Davis as New Kent County's representative to the RCC Board. He indicated that by statute, Virginia's community colleges relied heavily on local funding to help cover some of their budget needs. He specifically noted the "Five Foot Rule" which required that all grounds beyond five feet of the campus walls be maintained with local funds. He suggested that two large campuses with over one hundred acres each and four remote locations presented significant budgetary challenges in this regard. He indicated the Board's support of RCC's requested 2017 contribution of \$9,600 to be split between operating and capital budgets would be most appreciated. He reported the twelve counties were collectively contributing approximately \$125,000 to the college with \$92,000 of those funds going to the operating budget and \$33,000 going to the capital budget. He noted New Kent was one of only five localities who were contributing to the capital budget.

Mr. Doyle introduced Tim Mathis who was a New Kent High School graduate and a current RCC student. Mr. Mathis indicated he had first become involved with RCC during his junior year in high school when the Bridging Communities Regional Technical Center opened. His Bridging Communities courses had helped him become certified in web and game design and computer basics. He indicated he had not known what career he wished to pursue but Bridging Communities had opened his eyes to many other opportunities. After graduating high school he enrolled at RCC. He suggested RCC had helped him grow and that he would not be ready for a four-year university now if it had not been for RCC. He reported he was scheduled to graduate in May and had been accepted at both four-year universities where he had submitted applications. He added he had never thought he would see the old middle school ever be anything more than a landmark and noted that when the Board had decided to use the space for Bridging Communities and for RCC, they had given people who wanted to further their education without going far from home more options. He suggested teachers could change a person's life and the teachers at RCC had done just that for him.

Mr. Davis indicated New Kent County loved having RCC located within the County and suggested the opening of Bridging Communities and then RCC had been a natural progression. He noted Mr. Doyle's report had indicated there were 216 New Kent residents enrolled at RCC and he was glad to see that residents were taking advantage of the opportunities being provided. Mr. Davis asked for more information on the workforce development students, specifically what courses they were taking. Mr. Doyle indicated he was not sure what courses they were taking but a variety of skills programs were offered such as welding, web and game design and nursing. Mr. Davis asked when we could expect to see Fire/EMT courses on the schedule. Dr. Alexander indicated Fire/EMT courses would be on the schedule very soon. She also reported that two new programs would be on the schedule in the fall including electronics and network and cyber security. She encouraged those who would be driving by the New Kent campus later in the evening to notice the activity there and indicated the classrooms were full on Monday evenings. Mr. Davis noted that when the County had first started the renovation of the Historic School space they had not known RCC would be moving in but it had now become a symbiotic relationship. Dr. Alexander indicated the facility was perfect right down to the colors; blue and green which were RCC's colors.

Mr. Stiers thanked Dr. Alexander and Mr. Doyle for their presentations and wished Mr. Mathis well. He called for a brief recess at 7:02 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:16 p.m.

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE O-03-16 TO IMPOSE TAX LEVIES ON REAL
AND PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR THE 2016/2017 TAX YEAR

Before the Board for consideration was Ordinance O-03-16 to impose tax levies on real and personal property for the 2016/2017 tax year in the County of New Kent.

County Administrator Rodney Hathaway reported that Section 58.1-3321 of the Virginia Code stated that "when a general reassessment of real property by a locality would result in an increase of more than one percent in the total real property tax levied, such locality shall reduce its rate of levy for the forthcoming tax year so as to cause such rate of levy to produce no more than 101 percent of the previous year's real property tax levies." He indicated that based on the 2016 reassessment, the County real estate rate would be reduced from \$0.84 per \$100 to \$0.83 per \$100. Mr. Hathaway noted that at the Board's March regular meeting he had recommended they hold the tax rate at \$0.84 per \$100 and State Code required that a public hearing be held to do this. He indicated he understood that we were still in difficult economic times and no one wanted to pay more taxes. He noted the proposed one cent tax increase would equate to an additional \$25 to \$30 for the average residential property in the County. He suggested this additional funding could be used for the following:

- to keep up with the increasing demand on public services and allow the County to take a large step forward in meeting its public safety goals in regard to response times and providing 24/7 coverage throughout the County;
- to ensure that County schools were fully funded to continue to provide an excellent education for our children;
- to allow the County to prepare for large capital expenditures that were projected within the next five to seven years and
- to assist the County with keeping salaries in line with the market and similar sized localities.

Mr. Hathaway noted State Code required a public hearing be conducted on a proposed tax rate increase to allow the Board an opportunity to hear from the public. He indicated no action would be required this evening and noted that although the rate had been advertised at \$0.84, the Board could choose to reduce it without the need of another public hearing.

Mr. Stiers opened the public hearing.

Mr. Jack Chalmers of 1915 Carter Road, Lanexa, Virginia and director of the Lanexa Station 4 Auxiliary, indicated he wished to encourage the Board to keep the tax rate at \$0.84 so that the fire fighters needed to man the Lanexa Station could be hired. Mr. Chalmers indicated the equipment bay had been built five years ago with funds donated by the citizens and the building had also been furnished through donations. He suggested the citizens who had done all of this work had been informed that the station would be manned 24/7 but the reality was the station was only manned from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. five days a week. Mr. Chalmers noted budget proposals for next year proposed the addition of four firefighters and the Fire Chief had indicated they would all go to Station 4 which would allow the station to operate 24/7. Mr. Chalmers indicated he felt strongly that the four additional firefighters were needed and encouraged the Board to consider the \$0.84 tax rate.

Mr. Bart Leader of 5272 Brandon Pines Drive, Providence Forge, Virginia indicated he was representing the New Kent Chamber of Commerce who was in support of maintaining the tax rate at \$0.84. Mr. Leader suggested the Chamber as well as the EDA (Economic Development Authority) needed to continue to work together to bring business into the County and suggested the Board should also consider other budget needs in addition to fire stations and firefighters. He invited Board members to attend the Chamber's wine festival scheduled for May 7th. He indicated this event was very well attended and was the largest fund raiser for the Chamber. He also reported the Chamber's next meeting would be held

on April 19th at Bridging Communities and the culinary class would be preparing the food. He noted the Chamber looked forward to continuing to work with the County.

Mr. James Poole of 11332 Carriage Road, Providence Forge, Virginia indicated he was taking the opposite position of Mr. Chalmers. He indicated he understood if the County had more people more services would be needed and suggested funding for additional services should be made available by shifting funds from one location to another before going to the taxpayers. He referenced a recent article in the Chronicle which he indicated suggested the Board had been involved in getting an additional \$1.1 million for the County school system. Mr. Davis and Mr. Evelyn simultaneously spoke up indicating this was incorrect information and noted the additional funding would be coming from the State and not from local funding. Mr. Poole noted schools were also asking for an additional \$400,000 from the County and he suggested these funds would better be used to pay for firefighters at the Lanexa Station. He again suggested the County could cover the funding needed for public safety by moving funds from one department to another and this should be done before asking the citizens for more money.

Mr. Stiers thanked all who had spoken and closed the public hearing. He asked Board members if they had any comments on the budget or if they would rather hold them until the Board's next meeting on Wednesday, April 13th.

Mr. Evelyn expressed his appreciation to those who had come out to speak and indicated their comments would be taken into consideration. He noted his agreement with Mr. Chalmers in regard to the shortfall in funding for fire and EMS. He reported in recent weeks there had been several times when our fire and EMS had been out of service with no units available to respond to incoming calls. He suggested this was a concern for the Board which he was hopeful to be able to address this year. He also indicated he was hopeful to be able to keep the tax rate at \$0.83. He noted he was hearing from many constituents who were on fixed incomes and the \$25 to \$30 average increase would have a big impact on them. He noted the Board couldn't set the rate any higher than \$0.84 and he hoped they would be able to find a way to keep it at \$0.83.

Mr. Davis agreed and suggested this was what he had been saying all along. He also noted he felt the County would be receiving enough new money from other sources to be able to get the needed firefighters and keep the rate at \$0.83. He indicated the Board would have another work session in two days where they would continue working on the budget.

Ms. Paige indicated she had no comments.

Mr. Tiller indicated he would hold his comments until the Wednesday meeting.

Mr. Stiers indicated the Board would take the comments into consideration. He noted he also had citizens in his district who were on fixed incomes and pointed out the price of everything was going up. He agreed with Mr. Davis regarding the extra money the County would have this year and indicated he was hopeful the Board would be able to keep the rate at \$0.83. He noted the Board would continue working on the budget at a work session on Wednesday, April 13th. He again thanked the citizens for their comments.

Mr. Davis asked when the Board would be voting on the budget. Mr. Hathaway reported the current schedule indicated the Board would vote on the budget at its May work session and would be conducting a public hearing on the budget at the May regular meeting.

Ms. Paige announced the Outreach Council would be at the New Kent Christian Center on April 20th. This event would include vendors displaying and exhibiting a variety of services available for citizens of all ages. She also reported that members of the New Kent County Clean Committee, including recently appointed New Kent High School students, had been present at the Muscle Car Show where there had been a good amount of interest in the Committee's table and recycling and reusing. She also reported she had attended the TPO (Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization) meeting the previous week and had spoken with other members regarding the possibility of getting a grant to help with funding the Pine Fork Park entrance as well as possible widening of the Route 106 corridor.

Mr. Tiller reported he would be attending the Richmond Regional Planning District meeting on Thursday where Bridging Communities Director Dr. Stephen Trexler would be making a presentation on the school's programs. He indicated he expected this presentation would be very interesting. He also reported he had attended the Muscle Car Show and attendance had been very good and the event very enjoyable.

Mr. Evelyn reported he had also attended the Muscle Car Show on Sunday and indicated this was a great event organized by the Rotary Club. He also encouraged attendance at the Chamber of Commerce Wine Festival mentioned earlier by Mr. Leader. He reported that Congressman Rob Whitman would be at Wallace Manor on Sunday, April 17th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and the public was invited to attend. Mr. Evelyn indicated the recent redistricting had resulted in Congressman Whitman now representing New Kent County.

Mr. Davis indicated he had also attended the Muscle Car Show and suggested that although the weather was cold, supposedly it was spring. He noted there were many opportunities such as festivals and golf tournaments for citizens to get out and enjoy themselves. He suggested that anyone who couldn't find something to do in New Kent County in the months of April and May wasn't really looking. He encouraged everyone to get out and enjoy what was available and support local businesses and clubs.

Mr. Stiers indicated he had planned to attend the Muscle Car Show but unfortunately had not been able to after the event was moved to Sunday. He reported he had attended an enjoyable StageHands performance at New Kent Middle School on Sunday. He also reported he had traveled several weeks ago with Fire Chief Rick Opett and Sheriff Joe McLaughlin to Summit Point, West Virginia to view a self-enclosed shooting range to get ideas for something the County may want to do in the future.

IN RE: STAFF REPORTS – QUINTON COMMUNICATIONS TOWER LEASE (CROWN CASTLE)

County Administrator Rodney Hathaway noted an Agenda Request for the proposed tower lease amendment for the Quinton Communications Tower (located behind the Quinton Valero Station) had been placed at Board members' seats. He reported the amendment was being proposed for the addition of equipment for the new 911 emergency radio system. This equipment would require much more space on the tower than the County was currently using and as a result, the monthly rental would increase from \$147.37 to \$1,495.37. He asked the Board to consider authorizing him to sign this proposed amendment. He noted the materials provided contained a number of pages of information on the site plan and the list of equipment to be installed and the lease amendment language was actually contained in the third and fourth pages. He indicated if this amendment was approved, one more lease would remain outstanding for the new radio system. The remaining lease would be

for the Cooks Mill Tower located behind the County Administration Building and a draft lease was expected to be received from SBA Communications later in the week.

Mr. Evelyn moved to authorize the County Administrator to sign the proposed lease amendment with Crown Castle for the placement of radio equipment on the Quinton Communications Tower located at 2540 New Kent Highway. The members were polled:

C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
Patricia A. Paige	Aye
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Aye
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye
Ron Stiers	Aye

The motion carried.

Mr. Tiller indicated he had forgotten to mention an item in his earlier Elected Official's report. He reported the EDA had distributed brochures at the Muscle Car Show which listed restaurants, churches and just about anything else one may be looking for in New Kent County. He noted the brochures were very nice and he felt they would be very useful.

Mr. Evelyn suggested that an update on the radio project should be scheduled for a future work session. He noted the County was investing a lot in this system and he would like to hear how the project was progressing. He suggested it would be nice to hear from Harris and have an updated completion schedule. Mr. Stiers agreed this item should be scheduled for a work session and asked Mr. Hathaway if the project was about a month behind schedule. Mr. Hathaway indicated the schedule currently called for a system turnover in August. He noted it was anticipated that the system would be operational in June but would not be turned over to the County until operation testing was complete.

IN RE: NON-DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS (PART 1)

Ms. Paige moved to appoint Sarah Richardson as an alternate representative to the Wetlands Board/Chesapeake Bay Preservation Board/Dunes and Beaches Board to complete a five-year term ending December 31, 2019. The members were polled:

Patricia A. Paige	Aye
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Aye
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
Ron Stiers	Aye

The motion carried.

IN RE: DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Davis moved to accept the resignation of Stephanie Ripchick as an at-large representative to the Historic Commission and appoint her as District Five's alternate representative to the Historic Commission to complete a term ending December 31, 2018. The members were polled:

W. R. Davis, Jr.	Aye
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye

Patricia A. Paige	Aye
Ron Stiers	Aye

The motion carried.

IN RE: NON-DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS (PART 2)

Mr. Davis moved to appoint Donald Mollenhauer as an at-large representative to the Historic Commission to complete a term ending December 31, 2018. The members were polled:

Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
Patricia A. Paige	Aye
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Aye
Ron Stiers	Aye

The motion carried.

IN RE: CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Davis moved to go into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711A.3 of the Code of Virginia for discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose specifically the Maidstone library and pursuant to Section 2.2-3711A.7 of the Code of Virginia for discussion with legal counsel pertaining to actual litigation, specifically County of New Kent v. Campbell and Paris and Sanders Construction, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body. The members were polled:

C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
Patricia A. Paige	Aye
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Aye
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye
Ron Stiers	Aye

The motion carried. The Board went into closed session.

Mr. Davis moved to return to open session. The members were polled:

Patricia A. Paige	Aye
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Aye
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
Ron Stiers	Aye

The motion carried.

Mr. Davis moved that the Board certify by roll call vote that to the best of each member's knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Freedom of Information Act and identified in the motion to go into closed session were heard, discussed or considered in the closed session. The members were polled on the certification:

W. R. Davis, Jr.	Aye
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Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
Patricia A. Paige	Aye
Ron Stiers	Aye

The motion carried.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT/CONTINUATION

Chairman Stiers announced the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors would be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2016, and the next work session would be at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 27, 2016. Both meetings would be held in the Boardroom of the County Administration Building. The Board would also hold a Budget Work Session on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Boardroom of the County Administration Building.

Mr. Davis moved to continue the meeting until Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Boardroom of the New Kent County Administration Building. The members were polled:

Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
Patricia A. Paige	Aye
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Aye
Ron Stiers	Aye

The motion carried. The meeting was suspended at 8:34 p.m.